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February 25: The United States sanitary inspector at Habana reports that during the week ended February 24 there were in the city of Regla no deaths from yellow fever and 1 death from smallpox.

February 21: The United States consul at Sagua la Grande reports that during the week ended February 19 there were in that city 220 cases of smallpox and 10 deaths therefrom, and several cases of yellow fever, concerning which it is impossible to obtain correct statistics.

Sanitary report from Habana.

HABANA, February 25, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended Thursday, February 24, 1898:

For the first time in a year, and possibly in several years, no death from yellow fever is recorded.

Smallpox is rapidly increasing, 23 deaths having occurred during the week. Of this number 7 died at the reconcentrados institution, known as Aldecoa, and 6 at the Reina Mercedes Hospital; but 1 death occurred in the military hospitals.

The total mortality shows a slight increase over the preceding week. Assistant Sanitary Inspector Dudley, previously reported as having been detailed to proceed to Key West in care of injured men from U. S. S. *Maine*, returned and reported for duty on Saturday, February 19.

As before stated, I have advised the officer in command here not to send the injured men from the *Maine* who have been in San Ambrosio Hospital to Key West, suggesting Dry Tortugas as the proper place to which these men should be sent.

The last men sent from here yesterday, Thursday, 24th, were destined for that point. Our services have been tendered to the commanding officer of the *Maine* for any medical or sanitary work, and our launch has been tendered and used for conveying the injured men from the hospital to the vessels on which they were sent to the United States.

Sugar is beginning to move, although no full cargoes are being sent from this port as yet. Most of the sugar leaving the island is being shipped from Matanzas and Sagua la Grande.

NUMBER OF PERSONS APPLYING FOR PASSENGER CERTIFICATES.

	Granted.	Refused.
Florida:		
Key West.....	15	.....
Tampa.....	47	.....
New York (Ward Line).....	9	.....
New Orleans.....	7	.....
Total.....	78	.....

Very respectfully,

W. F. BRUNNER,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Mortality of the city of Habana and town of Regla for the week ended Thursday, February 24, 1898.

Cause of death.	Habana.	Regla.	Total.
Enteric fever.....	10	.....	10
Pernicious fever.....	6	1	7
Malarial fever.....	14	8	22
Smallpox.....	22	1	23
Beriberi.....	1	.....	1
Enteritis.....	62	7	69
Dysentery.....	23	17	40
Diarrhea.....	6	2	8
Casquexia paludica.....	15	2	17
Pneumonia.....	5	.....	5
Tuberculosis.....	43	8	51
Meningitis.....	9	.....	9
Deaths from all causes.....	395	55	450
Deaths in military hospitals.....	86	46	132
Deaths in military hospitals from yellow fever.....	0	0	.....
Annual ratio per 1,000.....	.....	.....	117.00

GREAT BRITAIN.

Smallpox at Middlesborough.

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Newcastle-on-Tyne, February 11, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that a serious epidemic of smallpox has broken out at the port of Middlesborough, in this consular district.

From the commencement of the outbreak I have been in constant communication with my consular agent, Mr. Neilsen, at West Hartlepool, and inclose a letter from him, of yesterday's date, in which he states that he can not obtain an official statement from the local sanitary authorities.

Very few vessels leave Middlesborough for the United States, but several go from the neighboring port of Hartlepool, about 12 miles distant.

I also inclose cuttings from a local newspaper, in which the latest number of cases is given as 301 and 19 deaths.

Should the epidemic become more serious, or spread to other parts of this district, I shall at once cable the Department.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

HORACE W. METCALF,
Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

UNITED STATES CONSULAR AGENCY,
West Hartlepool, February 9, 1898.

SIR: I am in receipt of your yesterday's favor, asking for an official report as to the smallpox epidemic at Middlesborough.

I am unable to obtain reliable figures as to number of cases, as the sanitary authorities at Middlesborough refuse to supply same, but in spite of the steps taken by the authorities, the disease still seems to be spreading. According to reports in the press there would appear to be about 90 cases, or less than 1 in every 1,000 inhabitants, and a shortage of the necessary hospital accommodation up to now has, no doubt, helped to spread the disease.

Temporary hospitals have, however, now been erected and with proper isolation and